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In re Application of:

Nabors, et al.

Application No.: 09/188,863

Filed: November 9, 1998

For: A System and Related Methods Facilitating  
the Identification and Purchase of a Product  
Over a Data Network

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This response is offered in response to the final Office Action mailed July 25, 2001.

In light of the offered amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the above  
captioned application is respectfully requested.

Currently Pending Claims:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product  
configuration;

transmitting a request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the  
RFQ including the customer's desired configuration; and

notifying the requesting customer upon receipt of quotes in response to the  
transmitted RFQ.

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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### **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	260	204	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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## **FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

### **3. ADDITIONAL FEE**

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for response within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for response within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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